Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 19 May 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 20 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 15:08

Confidence: High for the showery theme on Wednesday and for becoming wet and windy Thursday and Friday, but only low for the detail of strongest winds and heavy rain on Thursday and Friday.

Headline for Wednesday 19 May 2021: Isolated sharp showers until early afternoon, then dry with sunny periods.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 19 May 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	20%	20%	40%	50%	20%	<05%	<05%

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Weather: A small chance of a light shower during the early hours, and with some patchy valley fog forming briefly around dawn. Any fog will disperse not long after sunrise, then isolated showers will develop by mid-morning, these becoming locally heavy by midday with a small risk of hail and thunder. During the afternoon these showers will quickly fade away leaving a fine, dry end to the day with some late sunshine.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% initially, improving to 90% or better by mid-morning**.**

Visibility: Locally poor in any valley fog around dawn, which may briefly lift into shallow banks of low cloud on slopes around 300m before dispersing an hour or so after sunrise. Otherwise generally very good with excellent clarity, but with occasional patches of cloud on slopes above 700m during the early hours and at first in the morning, but this lifting clear of the summits by mid-morning. However, some sudden deteriorations are likely in any heavier showers, when cloud may briefly lower to cover summits above 900-1000m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	10/12 W	13/15 W	14/18 NW	14/20 NW	17/23 W	16/23 W	15/21 SW	16/21 SW	16/20 S
600	6/8 SW	8/11 W	10/14 NW	11/16 NW	14/20 W	13/20 W	12/19 SW	12/16 S	13/19 S
300	3/5 SW	5/10 W	7/11 NW	9/16 NW	11/19 W	11/18 W	9/17 SW	8/15 S	8/17 S
Valley	3/6 SW	5/11 W	7/12 NW	9/16 NW	11/19 W	11/18 W	9/17 SW	9/17 S	10/19 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	3/-1	2/-2	3/-2	4/-1	4/-1	5/1	4/0	3/-1	3/-2
600	5/2	4/1	5/2	6/2	7/3	8/4	7/4	5/2	5/1
300	7/6	6/5	7/5	9/6	10/7	10/8	10/8	7/5	7/5
Valley	8/7	8/6	8/6	10/8	11/9	12/9	11/9	8/6	8/6
Freezing Level*	1300m	1300m	1200m	1200m	1100m	1200m	1300m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

There is still a risk of isolated heavy and thundery showers through the middle of the day, so best pack waterproofs. Sunlight will be strong in between showers and later in the afternoon, and sun protection is advised.

Forecast for Thursday 20 May 2021

Weather: Dry but increasingly cloudy during the early hours, with outbreaks of rain spreading from the southwest shortly after dawn. Outbreaks of will continue through the morning and afternoon, heavy at times and accompanied by gale force winds. There may be some brief drier interludes during the afternoon, but persistent rain will develop by evening.

Maximum wind: South or southwesterly 35-40mph gust 45-50mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% at first falling to 40% as the rain arrives with the best of any breaks in sheltered northeastern areas. Deteriorating further to 10% or less in the evening.

Visibility: Good at first with only patchy cloud on slopes above 700m. Deteriorating to moderate at low levels as the rain arrives with cross valley views appearing mist. Low cloud will become more extensive at the same time, with areas lowering to cover many south and southwestern facing slopes above 500-700m, with the best of any breaks in the sheltered northeastern side of the Snowdon range. Cloud will lower to cover many slopes above 400m in the evening.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 5 Celsius becoming Plus 11 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius becoming Plus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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